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# PROVIDING FOR RECOGNITION AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR AND INTER-AMERICAN CULTURAL AND TRADE CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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Mr. CONNALLY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany S. J. Res. 22]

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, having had under consideration the joint resolution (S. J. Res. 22) which endorses the establishment of an International Trade Fair and Inter-American Cultural and Trade Center in New Orleans in 1953, and authorizes and directs the President to grant recognition to the International Trade Fair and Inter-American Cultural and Trade Center, to call upon officials and agencies of the Government to assist and cooperate with such center, and to invite the participation of foreign nations therein, reports the resolution favorably to the Senate with amendments and recommends that it do pass.

### PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION

By this resolution the Congress endorses the establishment of an International Trade Fair and Inter-American Cultural and Trade Center in New Orleans in 1953 in observance of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase. It is a nonprofit enterprise intended to improve relations and increase trade with other nations. Senate Joint Resolution 22 also authorizes and directs the President to grant recognition to such center, to call upon officials and agencies of the Government to cooperate, and to invite the participation of foreign nations. This resolution will not involve any expense to the United States Government; it does not now carry with it provision exempting from duty products imported for display purposes.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

On January 8, 1951, Mr. Ellender (for himself and Mr. Long) introduced the joint resolution which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Subsequently the committee received comments from the Department of State and the Department of the Treasury regarding this resolution. On February 19, 1952, the committee agreed to report the resolution favorably, with amendments.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee reported a similar resolution to the House which differs from the Senate resolution in that it permits duty-free entry of exhibits to the fair and center, a matter usually covered by separate legislation.

## COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

The committee desired to follow the pattern of previous legislation enacted by the Congress in connection with various international exhibitions, expositions, and fairs held in the United States. Therefore the committee felt that matters related to the admittance of goods to the United States without payment of tariff should be considered by the Committee on Finance; accordingly it agreed to amend Senate Joint Resolution 22 to omit reference to duty-free imports.

The committee also changed the terminology of "all the nations of the world" to "foreign nations," thereby permitting some discretion in the extension of invitations to foreign nations to participate.

## PRECEDENTS

There have been numerous precedents for congressional action of this kind, among them being the enactment of Public Law 853 (81st Cong., 2d sess.) which provided for recognition and endorsement of the Inter-American Cultural and Trade Center in Miami.

## CONCLUSIONS

The committee believes that the International Trade Fair and Inter-American Cultural and Trade Center in New Orleans offers an opportunity to promote international trade and understanding. In view of the importance of these factors in the development of world peace and prosperity, it recommends approval of Senate Joint Resolution 22, as amended.

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